



Makoshika State Park

2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

For more information on any of Makoshika State Park's programs, please call 406-377-6256.

Date	Program	Time	Cost	Meet at
May 30, 2019	Youth Program: Oh Deer! This is the first program of the year. Students will learn that an animal's habitat is a place that provides the right food, water, shelter, and space for that animal.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
June 1, 2019	Paleo Experience (National Trails Day) Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
June 6, 2019	Youth Program: Amazing Plant Powers Students will learn how plants fly, fight, hide, hunt and change the world. In this program we will highlight the impressive range of adaptive abilities plants have developed.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
June 8, 2019	30th Annual Buzzard Day (tentative) Bluebird Hike Lakota Women Warriors Flag Presentation With Bad Bear Drummers 5k and 10k Races Archery, Atlatl, Max's Exhibit, Mascots Disc Golf Tournament Scavenger Hunt Kids Fun Run Zoo Montana and Lurch the Buzzard Spirit of Makoshika Photography Gallery Dunking Booth Bouncy House Obstacle Course Dr. Scannella, Museum of the Rockies Paleo Hike BNSF Train Rides Corn Hole Tourney, Music and Cross Country Brewing Beef Brisket Dinner and Awards Ceremony Lakota Women Warriors Grand Entry of Flags and Sioux Bad Bear Drummer and Dancers Mystery Trail Hike	7:00 am 7:55 am 8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am-6 pm 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am-5 pm 10:00 am-2 pm 10:00 am-6 pm 10:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm-6 pm 6:00 pm 6:30-8:30 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Free Free \$30 Free \$10 Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free	Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Disc Golf Course Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Visitor Center Kiwanis Pavilion Diane Gabriel Trail Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion Kiwanis Pavilion

June 8, 2019	Movie Under the Stars- <i>Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom PG-13 (2018)</i> Three years after the destruction of the Jurassic World theme park, Owen Grady and Claire Dearing return to the island of Isla Nublar to save the remaining dinosaurs from a volcano that's about erupt. They soon encounter terrifying new gigantic dinosaurs, while uncovering a conspiracy that threatens the entire planet.	9:00 p.m.	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
June 13, 2019	Youth Program: Less is More Students will learn the difference between non-renewable and renewable resources. In this program we will discuss the importance of recycling and how long it takes for different products to decompose.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
June 14, 2019	Campfire Program: York's True Freedom Join us for this special flag day presentation, presented by Makoshika State Park manager, Chris Dantic. Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery had many members, now surrounded by legend and mystery, who were often reflective of the social conditions of the time. One of these characters was a man known only as "York", an African American slave of William Clark's who served as a full member of the expedition.	7:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 15, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
June 15, 2019	MT Wilderness Association Hike We will be hiking the Vista trail. Guided by Ranger Tom Shoush. This hike follows a road-to-trails route along a plateau in the undeveloped portion of Makoshika, providing close up views of the badlands and distant views of adjacent valleys. The trail is moderate in difficulty but little or no shade is available and daytime temperatures can be extreme.	10:00 a.m.	Free	Vista Trailhead

June 19, 2019	Special Event: Saving our Stars- Documenting the Montana Night Sky Photographer and biologist, John Ashley, has wandered around our state capturing elusive Montana beauty that can only be found in the dark: comets, meteor showers, shooting stars, northern lights and the Milky Way at night. Join John for a dazzling video and photographic tour of Montana at night, learn how to protect your family from the negative effects of artificial light, and get a glimpse of tourism in the few remaining dark sky places.	7:00 pm	Free	Visitor Center
June 20, 2019	Youth Program: Bug Feats Students will meet the fastest flyers, the loudest buzzers, and the sneakiest ambusher in Montana. In this program students will learn about Montana's most mind-boggling bugs and their incredible feats.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
June 21, 2019	Campfire Program: A Visit with an 1879 American Fur Company Trader Greg Smith brings to life the adventures and stories of James W. Schulz through the fictitious character of Jim Deakins. This program is brought to you by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana Cultural Trust, and private donations.	7:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
June 22, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
June 22, 2019	Special Event: Astronomy-Under the Makoshika Night Sky Join us for a special look at the Makoshika night sky. Dr. Corinne Brevik from Dickinson State College will give a short presentation on constellations and then participants will be able to view the stars and beyond using telescopes.	9:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
June 27, 2019	Youth Program: Aqua Students will learn that without water, there would be no life. Students will explore the importance of water for people, animals and plants.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center

June 28, 2019	Campfire Program: Bat Talk and Walk Learn about and see bats of the area with FWP Biologist Brandi Skone. Ms. Skone will give a short presentation on bats found in the area and then we will take a short walk to the bat boxes and dwellings and look for bats.	9:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
June 29, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
June 29, 2019	Montana Shakespeare in the Parks: "Henry IV, Part 1" Directed by Kevin Asselin and opening on June 12, you'll experience the power, honor, and rebellion displayed in the fight for the throne, as a young prince must live up to his father's expectations. Bring anything you may need for your comfort for a gorgeous night of theater under the Big Sky. As always, it's "Free...Every Summer." This program is brought to you by Friends of Makoshika.	7:00 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
July 4, 2019	No youth program	-	-	-
July 5, 2019	Campfire Program: Leave No Trace Join Makoshika's very own Montana State Parks AmeriCorps member, Amber Van Meter, as she talks about the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace are used to communicate the best available minimum impact guidance for enjoying the outdoors responsibly.	7:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
July 6, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center

July 11, 2019	Youth Program: Seed Needs Students will learn that seeds are used as food for people and animals. They will also learn how seeds are dispersed and how animal help with this process.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
July 12, 2019	Campfire Program: Prehistoric Fish of the Yellowstone Join us as Fish Biologist Mat Rugg takes us on a journey through time as he talks about the pallid sturgeon and paddlefish, the prehistoric fish of the Yellowstone River. Pallid Sturgeon is one of the rarest fishes in North America with a unique dinosaur-like appearance and have been swimming around since the dinosaurs. Paddlefish survived from an ancient and primitive group. Paddlefish may be the oldest big game animal surviving in North America. This program will be at the Visitor Center.	7:00 pm	Free	Visitor Center
July 13, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
July 18, 2019	Youth Program: Bird Feats Students will learn about Montana's fastest, tallest, smartest, and boldest birds. In this program students will learn about some of Montana's bird's feats.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
July 19, 2019	Campfire Program: Shadow Puppets Join us at Makoshika State Park to watch dinosaurs come alive in an interactive shadow theater performance by YOU! Author and illustrator Carmen Neuns will be showing participants the fun and excitement of dinosaurs roaming their native habitat through a traditional shadow theater performance. Participants will be shown how to use the shadow puppets and will then have the opportunity to put on their own performance to share for the audience.	8:30 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater

July 20, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
July 20, 2019	Special Event: Star Lab (Portable Planetarium) Prepare for launch! Through an immersive, interactive experience, students will discover just how exciting learning can be. The StarLab planetarium elevates lessons in astronomy and more to an entirely new level. Watch students' eyes light up with an increased understanding of the world around them.	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Free	Visitor Center
July 25, 2019	Youth Program: Map It Students will learn about maps and the characteristics that make up one. They will learn how to read a map and even make one.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
July 26, 2019	Campfire Program: "Skin Boats of the Fur Trade" Join us as anthropologist, Billy Maxwell, presents his program "Skin Boats of the Fur Trade". A bull boat is a useful small boat, usually made by American Indians and frontiersmen by covering a skeletal wooden frame with a buffalo hide. It was used for traveling and fishing. Lewis and Clark's Corp of Discovery knew the advantages the light weight, skin covered boats would have during their expedition and had carried the supplies for the construction for such a boat. Come learn how these boats were constructed and the impact they had on history.	7:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
July 27, 2019	Special Event: Bull Boat Workshop Join Billy Maxwell as he puts on a special workshop where participants can make a mini-bull boat. A bull boat's framework is made of willow branches bent in a huge bowl shape and then a buffalo hide is stretched over the framework.	9:00 am – 12:00 noon (if there is a lot of interest we will add an afternoon workshop)	\$50 per person (limited to 10 people)	Kiwanis Pavilion

July 27, 2019	No Paleo Experience: Staff at Carter County Museum for Shin Dig and Medicine Rocks Event	-	-	-
August 1, 2019	Youth Program: Game Day-Jeopardy Students will win prizes as we play Makoshika Jeopardy. We will review what we have learned throughout the summer.	9:30-11:30 am	Free	Visitor Center
August 2, 2019	Campfire Program: Nathan Satran Photography Join Nathan Satran of Nathan Satran Photography as he gives a presentation about how photography changed his life. He will give a summary of how photography brought him out of depression after the death of his younger sibling and helped him step out of his comfort zone to find new friends and view the world from a new perspective.	7:00 pm	Free	Visitor Center
August 2, 2019	Special Event: Astrophotography Workshop with Nathan Satran In conjunction with Montana State Parks, Nathan Satran will be hosting an astrophotography workshop in Makoshika State Park. This workshop will be hands on and last about five hours. Participants need to bring a DSLR, tripod, headlamp/flashlight, etc. Limited to 6 participants. If there is more interest, we can add another night workshop. Please contact Nathan through Facebook or email for more information or to reserve a spot. nathan@nathansatran.net	9:00 pm	\$45 per person	Hiatt Amphitheater
August 3, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
August 7 - August 8, 2019	Youth Program: Overnight Campout Students that attended five or more of the youth programs this summer are invited to a night packed with fun as we camp in Makoshika. There will be a hike, games, and much more to conclude this summer's youth program.	5:30 pm – 11:00 am	Free	Lions Youth Camp A-Frame

August 9, 2018	Campfire Program: Paleontology in Makoshika Join us as John Scannella, the John R. Horner Curator of Paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies, speaks about past paleontology projects that have taken place in Makoshika State Park.	7:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
August 10, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am-12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
August 17, 2019	Paleo Experience Makoshika State Park staff will take you on a paleontology experience which will include an in-depth visitor center tour, a visit to the paleo lab, and a hike on the Diane Gabriel Trail to see the Hadrosaur fossil exhibit.	9:00 am – 12 noon	\$10 per person	Visitor Center
August 17, 2019	Movie Under the Stars- <i>Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs PG (2009)</i> After Sid pilfers some dinosaur eggs, Manny, Diego and the rest of their prehistoric pals enter a mysterious, underground world to rescue the hapless sloth. During the course of their mission, the gang encounters many creatures great and small, including hungry carnivores and a relentless, dinosaur-hunting weasel named Buck.	8:30 pm	Free	Hiatt Amphitheater
September 14, 2019	Full Moon Hike Makoshika State Park staff will lead you on a hike under the full moon sky over Makoshika. We will meet at the Kiwanis Pavilion.	9:00 pm	Free	Kiwanis Pavilion
October TBD	National Fossil Day Event	TBD	Free	Visitor Center



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